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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the restriction requirement mailed May 30, 2003, the Examiner requested that the Applicants elect among the following groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 1-16 and 21-24; and

Group II: Claims 17-20.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Group II, which includes claims 17-20, for prosecution on the merits.

Applicant also notes that the May 30, 2003 office action indicates that a telephone call was made to applicant's attorney on May 29, 2003 requesting an oral election to the restriction requirement. However, applicant's attorney has no record of ever receiving such call.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17, and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1283.

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